

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 6-9 have been withdrawn during a restriction requirement. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled. The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, claims 12 and 13 were problematic and have been cancelled. Thus, the drawing objection is considered overcome. Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Klink (U.S. Patent No. 4,241,152). Claims 1-5 and 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Flanigan (U.S. Patent No. 4,614,397). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Klink. Claim 1 has been amended to require "a first sealing means between the head of the terminal bolt and the insulating elements; a second sealing means between the insulating elements and the housing". The reference to Klink does not teach a first sealing means between the head of the terminal bolt and the insulating elements and a second sealing means between the insulating elements and the housing. Instead Klink teaches a metallic bolt 2 that has a center insulating body 9 disposed therethrough that is enclosed by two insulating bodies or members 8 and 10. (Col. 4, lines 24-28). Klink does not teach sealing elements. The Examiner has identified insulating bodies 8 and 10 as sealing members. Even if insulation bodies 8 and 10 are considered sealing members they are not located between the terminal bolt and the insulating member 9. Nor are the insulating members 8 and 10 located between the insulating members and the wall 1. Thus neither claim limitation is taught by the Klink reference. Therefore

each and every limitation of amended claim 1 is not taught in the Klink reference and the anticipation rejection is considered overcome. Claims 2-5, 10-11, and 14-16 depend on claim 1 and therefore are also considered to overcome the rejection.

Claims 1-5 and 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Flanigan. Claim 1 has been amended to require "a first sealing means between the head of the terminal bolt and the insulating elements; a second sealing means between the insulating elements and the housing". Flanigan does not teach this arrangement as Flanigan instead teaches a terminal block 30 inserted into holes or bores 14 of a terminal plate 12 with pins or bolts 70, and O-rings 90 and 92. (Col. 3, lines 18-24). The first O-ring 90 is placed over the conical portion 40A-C of the terminal block 30 whereas the second O-ring 92 is placed over bolt 70 so as to be located on the unthreaded portion 71A and secured against the block 30. (Col. 2, lines 60-67). Thus, Flanigan does not teach a sealing means between the head of a terminal bolt and an insulating element. Consequently, each and every limitation of amended claim 1 is not met by the Flanigan reference and the anticipation rejection is considered overcome. Claims 2-5 and 10-11, 14-16 all depend on claim 1 and for at least this reason are considered in allowable form. In view of the amendment, all pending claims are considered in allowable form and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however,

consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted,
and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,

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